



HEC Steering Group



Joint Health Care Facility Operations Steering Group

- Provide direct oversight of all HEC approved joint facility initiatives, including submission to the HEC of recommended courses of action to reach early issue resolution and problem solutions



HEC Work Groups

- Acquisition and Medical Materiel Management
- Continuing Education
- Contingency Planning
- Deployment Health
- Evidence Based Guidelines
- Financial Management
- Graduate Medical Education
- Information Management /Information Technology
- Joint Facility Utilization and Resource Sharing
- Mental Health
- Patient Safety
- Pharmacy



HEC Work Groups

Acquisition and Medical Materiel Management

- Combine medical supply requirements to leverage volume and negotiate better pricing
- Eliminate duplication of contracting & contract administration effort
- Allow customers to select products and pricing
- Identify new business practices

Continuing Education

- Enhance the open and ongoing dialogue between the Departments on continuing education and training infrastructure and operations issues
- Identify opportunities for joint educational contracts and co-development of training programs of mutual interest and benefit
- Design and develop a strategy to facilitate sharing of education and training opportunities particularly those that take advantage of distributed learning architectures



HEC Work Groups

Contingency Planning

- Enhance collaborative efforts in support of the VA/DoD Contingency Plan and the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS)
- Review and update the VA/DoD Contingency Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Plan to reflect current and future DoD requirements

Deployment Health Work Group

- Establish an open dialogue between Departments on issues of deployment health
- Collaborate on review of VA's Congressionally mandated report on gulf war illnesses, and other related reports
- Identify and foster opportunities for sharing information and research between VA, DoD, and HHS



HEC Work Groups

Evidence-Based Practice

- Identify CPGs requiring clarification/modification to remove barriers and enhance sharing
- Develop recommendations for streamlining CPGs for specified clinical areas
- Develop tools to facilitate implementation of CPGs
- Monitor and evaluate published CPGs to identify strengths and resolve problems

Financial Management

- Inter-departmental communication on resource management issues
- Review reimbursement policies & identify policies requiring modification/clarification
- Develop recommendations for improving financial processes and practices (create incentives)
- Resolve billing and reimbursement problems
- Joint Incentive Fund implementation guidelines



HEC Work Groups

Graduate Medical Education

- Review current state of GME between both departments
- Develop joint pilot program for GME
- Develop agreement for departments to implement and finance program

Information Management/Information Technology

- Oversee the development and implementation of VA/DoD health IM/IT initiatives

Joint Facility Utilization and Resource Sharing

- Identify areas for improved resource utilization
- Oversight of demonstration projects



HEC Work Groups

Mental Health

- Increase collaboration between VA and DoD on the provision of mental health services to both VA and DoD beneficiaries

Patient Safety

- Improve continuity of care/patient safety
- Identify and implement best practices in patient safety

Pharmacy

- Joint evaluation of high dollar/volume pharmaceuticals
- Increase uniformity & improve clinical and economical outcomes of drug therapies
- Eliminate redundancies in class reviews, contracting prescribing guidelines, and utilization management